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Governor Murphy's Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The annual report of N. O. Murphy, governor of Arizona, to the secretary of the interior says the population of the territory is nearly, if not quite, 100,000 people. The social and moral conditions compare favorably with any portion of the Union. The citizens are true, honest Americans, and the governor says they enjoy the proud distinction of being the first to respond to their country's call for volunteers for the war just ended. An Arizona flag was the first hoisted over the ramparts of the enemy at El Caney. There have been no outbreaks or depredations by Indians within the year, and the governor says it is not anticipated that any are likely to occur. Those who have been troublesome heretofore, the various branches of the Apache family now have been peaceful for a longer continuous term than ever before in their history. Recommendations submitted by Governor Murphy include the following:

That Arizona be admitted as a state; that all public lands within the territory be ceded to the territory or state; that the military post of Whipple Barracks be re-established; that a reasonable sum be appropriated for the purchase of land in the territory; that a commission be appointed for ethnological and archaeological research in the territory and that suitable appropriation by congress be had therefore; that the salaries of federal judges within the territory be increased; that an appropriation by congress be had to pay governors and secretaries of the territory salary allowed to them by law; that the pay of members of the territorial legislature be increased.

An Aggressive Policy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—When Secretary of State John Hay assumes office there will be a new turn in American "shirt sleeve diplomacy." A vigorous foreign policy is to be inaugurated and for the next half year the state department will attract attention both at home and abroad from the virility and pugnacity of its moves upon the checker board of foreign affairs. Three things especially have been mapped out for the execution of the new policy and he will begin at once to carry out his program. It is this:

First, to give the several South American nations, notably Chile, Peru, and the Argentine Republic, a few object lessons of the strength of this country. Second, to make a naval demonstration in force before the Golden Horn in the laudable endeavor to frighten the sultan into paying the American claims for the destruction of property and life in Armenia.

Third, to bristle up against Germany's encroachments in the Samoan protectorate and to checkmate its plans for getting a foothold in the Philippine archipelago.

To vigorously inaugurate these three plans will be the first work of Secretary Hay. In the case of the South American countries, Col. Hay says the matter is to be vigorously pushed.

Germany has been acting in a high handed way since the death of the king of Samoa, regardless of the triple protectorate exercised by England and the United States jointly with herself, and the settlement question will have to be taken up at once by Col. Hay. He will also turn down Germany in its mischievous endeavor to foment trouble in the Philippines.

Devastating Floods.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Sept. 24.—Mail advices which reached here today brought melancholy relief to the suspense regarding the full extent of the hurricane disaster at the island of St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Barbados, showing that the first accounts were not exaggerated. At St. Vincent about 300 lives have been lost, not counting the loss of life suffered through the destruction of shipping. The coast is strewn with the wrecks of vessels, many of which are from Barbados. The storm

raged from 10 o'clock in the morning on Sunday, September 11th, until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, completely wrecking the island. At Kingston, the capitol, fully 200 houses were demolished, while the suburbs of Coxheath and Montebello were devastated. Cloudbursts from the mountains swept much of the ruins into the sea, as several dead and injured persons were on the beach. Throughout the island the destruction was on a wholesale scale; not only estates and buildings being razed, but cultivation obliterated. The following towns and villages were destroyed:

Rose Place, Grand Sable, Arnosvale, Mount Pleasant, Argyle, Williboro, Barroisville, Lanyon and Baccament, and the second city Georgetown was considerably damaged. No approximate estimate of the pecuniary damage done has been reported, but the island has been practically ruined.

COLONEL BRODIE.

The republican convention which convened in Prescott recently nominated Col. A. O. Brodie for delegate to congress. Brodie is at present in New York City. At the time of the nomination no telegram or direct communication had been received from Brodie as to whether he would accept the nomination. Harry Carpenter, the permanent chairman of the convention, stated that he had seen Brodie while in New York and that had stated, in effect, that he would accept such nomination.

Our citizens will remember that a Yavapai county convention once nominated Brodie for a county office on the assurance of a prominent Prescott republican that Brodie would accept; and all remember that, notwithstanding the fact that said nomination was made unanimously, Brodie did not accept. Hence, a large element of doubt exists among Col. Brodie's friends as to whether he will accept this second nomination tendered under similar circumstances. Mr. Carpenter may be mistaken, for Col. Brodie's Arizona friends and the Arizona miners cannot understand how Col. Brodie can stand on a gold standard platform, when he was arrayed as a powerful pillar among those who, at the last national election, refused to affiliate with the bolting goldbug minority of federal office-seeking Arizona republicans. It will be hard for these true Arizonians to believe that Brodie will bite at this glittering goldbug bait by which the enemies of Arizona seek to catch him and use him for their own unholy purposes, knowing that one of their own number stands not the shadow of a show of success. Men of Yavapai and Arizona, imagine Col. Brodie standing on a goldbug platform and attempting to explain the families of the Murphy-McCord road a d the benefits of a gold standard. It is too ridiculous to think of. Few believe that Brodie will do it; all hope that he will not do violence to the position he holds in the hearts of Arizonians by attempting to do it, for if he does, it would be in sorrow and not in anger that all save these few conspirators would see him cast behind him all hope of political preferment at the hands of the people of Arizona.

The convention which nominated Brodie adopted a platform endorsing N. O. Murphy. Can Brodie stand on the platform, and if he does, what will his friends think of him?—Courier.

The history of the struggling existence and financial starvation of many local papers published in prosperous mining localities is not a creditable record for an industry so broad and liberal in many other respects. Especially is this true in view of the fact that the mines have been most faithfully upheld and owe a large proportion of their value and success to the very means which has been neglected and unwarded. The report of mining properties, strikes of ore bodies in mines, shipments from smelters, value of ore and mill runs, has been most carefully made, to be copied by the metropolitan review in the centers of capital, until a tide of inquiry and investment has been attracted to the locality and a general condition of prosperous activity established by which hundreds have been benefited. In many cases this gratuitous work, which has cost time and money, has been done faithfully and impartially for those who have never contributed the amount of an annual subscription to the paper which has been the chief cause of their prosperity. The mining industry owes its promising condition, its general activity, the favorable state a public opinion towards mining, the investment of capital and the remarkable development now taking place more to the influence of the press than to any one or all other influences combined, but its return for all this benefit has, as a rule, been most niggardly and certainly unjust.—Western Mining World.

GEN. WILSON will carry Cochise county by a large majority on the 8th of November next.

WHAT are we coming to? The republican party have swallowed the initiative and referendum dodges, and Col. Brodie stands on a gold platform.

Let this campaign be fought on its merits; let there be no mud slinging. Let each party do its best to support their nominees, but do it like gentlemen.

The democracy of Pima county are again united, and both factions are earnestly working for the welfare of the party and for Gen. Wilson, next delegate to congress.

THERE will be three tickets in the field again this fall in Cochise county. It will probably be the only county in the territory that will do so. In all the other counties the populists have fused with the democrats or republicans.

BRODIE should have a representative on the board of supervisors, and that representative should be a thorough business man, one who has proved himself capable in the conduct of his own private business affairs. We have many such men in our midst.

The battleships, Oregon and Iowa, will be sent to Pacific waters. This is done in anticipation of trouble in the far east. These two ships will command respect anywhere. As things stand nowadays, fear is the most essential element of respect and control in the world's actions.

How Col. Brodie can stand on a gold platform this year after two years ago refusing the nomination of the republican county ticket in Yavapai county because they endorsed the St. Louis platform, we are unable to understand.

The approximate cost of the war to the United States is: Army, \$78,000,000; navy, \$35,000,000. Two hundred and sixty-four men were killed, and 1,500 were wounded in the army. Fifteen hundred were killed by disease. Fifteen men were killed and thirty eight wounded in the navy.

MARK SMITH has not left the territory, as the Tucson Star would intimate. He has gone on a short trip to Los Angeles to see his wife, who lies seriously ill at that place. He will return and locate in Tucson, where he will keep Billy Barnes and "Pinhead" guessing what he is going to do.

The legislative timber this fall should be such that they can be relied upon. There a number of matters to be brought before the legislature that will require the united efforts of our representatives to handle. We need men of experience, men who understand our wants, and also what we do not want.

The agricultural papers throughout the territory are, as usual just before election, raising the bullion tax question. I suppose a law should be enacted a tax should also be placed on the growing alfalfa crops in the Salt River valley. There is as much justice in one as there is in the other.

This election in Maine last week in one sense was a decided democratic victory. The republican majority was cut down considerably and in Reed's district the majority was reduced over 4,000 with 1896. The middle, southern and western states will roll up nice silver majorities this fall.

The fight for the senatorship in Virginia between Martin and General Fitzhugh Lee, has opened up lively and promises to be a warm one. Lee has declared that he will support the Chicago platform and would have done so if he had in 1896. It is said that Cleveland, McKinley and all the other republicans are for Lee, which may greatly handicap him the race. If Lee is really a free silver man, he is all right, but he had better cut loose from some of his friends.

The republican party of this territory has shown the cloven foot in the following plank in their platform, adopted at Prescott last Monday:

"We unhesitatingly support the judgment and discretion of the republican congress upon all questions of financial legislation, believing that whatever changes are necessary for the welfare of the people can be best secured through republican efforts."

The words of this plank is such as to conceal the goldbugism that it contains. The voters of Arizona know how the republican congress has dealt with the financial issue in the past and they know that it will meet the same fate in the future, so long as Mark Hanna and the goldbug corporations have the party collared. No such bungling tactics as this plank in the republican platform can win in Arizona, as the g. o. p. will find out in November next.

TALK about deserting the Chicago platform! When the Democratic party had been betrayed; when its party machinery was in the hands of agents of plutocracy; when not one single state in the union was safely Democratic and when despair spread like a black pall all over this nation, the Chicago platform saved Democracy, re-called the party organization, drove out traitors, increased the Democratic vote beyond the highest water mark, and with all the trusts, big newspapers and banks against us, polled 6,511,960 votes for Bryan against 5,054,000 votes for Cleveland. Yet we are asked for the sake of harmony and temporary success to compromise truth for error, right for wrong. We will never do it.

WITH Colonel J. F. Wilson on a silver platform and Colonel A. O. Brodie the single gold standard nominee, the alignment is made. Both are good men in their respective spheres in life. Colonel Brodie is a clever draftsman, a capable surveyor. Colonel Wilson is one of the ablest lawyers in the west. Broad minded, capable, honest and in favor of honest government. The platform on which he stands is a model one, and in harmony with the plain people of the west. Silver is the national issue, and should Brodie be elected Arizona will have endorsed the single gold standard. With Wilson's election Arizona announces she is still in line with the west.

GENERAL LAWTON has sent word to the Cuban camps that men of education and good morals will be wanted to fill civil positions. He has offered to help all those who will lay down their arms to reach their homes. Lawton says he will not make an effort to re-establish the courts until after the peace commission meets. Public schools cannot be reopened because there is no money to support them.

The democracy of Arizona is now united and presents a solid front, while the republican party in the territory is divided into factions. The McCord followers are fighting the Murphys and their candidate, Col. Brodie, while the silver republicans of the territory will support the democratic nominee to a man.

The republicans of the territory seem to have forgotten the fact that their last national convention was held in St. Louis, and that they had their principles laid down for them there. But perhaps endorsing the administration is the same—McKinley, and his boss, Mark Hanna, surely stand by it.

The free silver voters of Arizona can never be taken in by that straddle of a financial plank that was recently adopted by the republicans at Prescott.

COUNTY politics are beginning to warm up a little, and it now looks as though we might have a lively campaign.

"WILSON, Statehood and Silver" are the watchwords inscribed on the banner of the Arizona democracy.

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